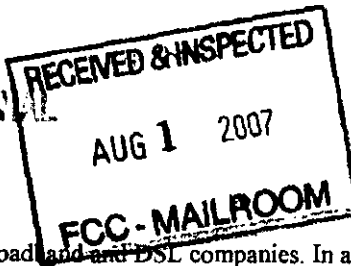


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Dear Jonathan Adelstein,

This letter is in regards to the upcoming 700 MHz auction for broadband and DSL companies. In a nation that holds that the public owns the airwaves, I find it irresponsible to let a major corporation be a "gatekeeper," to the latest communication medium. The ideal of open airwaves is to provide a means of letting the public be able to communicate through said airwaves. Yet, the majority of the public cannot use these open airwaves because the FCC has already established "gatekeepers" in the television and radio mediums.

The Internet is the last communications medium where the public can communicate openly and freely, and yet with the 700 MHz Open Access auction, you are threatening that freedom by "selling" the publicly owned airwaves to the corporate individual. Allowing them to dictate who and what can appear on the Internet based off of their own corporate concerns. Already I feel dread in turning on the television and I cannot listen to corporate radio stations as they do not serve my interests neither as an individual nor as a consumer. It is only through the Internet that I can connect to people who are liked-minded, read the news that is important to me, and find out about the music that I enjoy hearing. All this is possible because the Internet is still open and free, it is a medium where individuals can express their opinions and people can communicate openly.

We once called the Internet the "Information Superhighway," but what would happen if you allowed for a body in charge deciding what information is allowed down that highway? That body could select whatever information they deem noteworthy and let it loose, while keeping all other information off the highway. Allowing for an ignorant and uninformed public. What if Wikipedia was shut down? An easily accessible and community built depository of knowledge suddenly is cut off from the Internet. I can tell you, that the public will not be better off without it.

The only thing wrong with the Internet now is the actions of the FCC proposes on taking, the FCC has already cut-off the radio and television from the public; making it almost impossible for the public to create their own communication through these mediums. Those that do find a way, microwatt radio, are quickly shut down by the FCC for utilizing the airwaves that we all publicly own. The FCC can keep this from happening to the Internet. Just don't auction the 700 MHz band off.

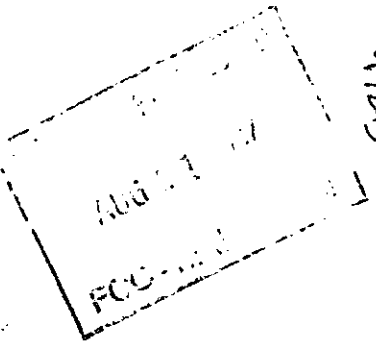
I hope that this letter and the other thousands you have received will help you to dictate what needs to be done. By allowing the FCC to regulate the airwaves for us, we have put a lot of trust and responsibilities into your hands. You have let us down before, FCC, and this is just one chance that you might be able to redeem yourself. It would be lovely to hear back from you, but I know that you must be flooded with letters just like these, so I'm not expecting a response, but maybe you'll surprise me. I do want to thank you for reading this and I hope that it will help you make the right decision.

Sincerely,

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